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Hot Doc: U-2, Area 51, the CIA, and Lockheed

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Welcome to fall semester at Georgia Southern! As a depository library, the library provides you with a wealth of government information to help with your research, help you become or remain an informed citizen, or satisfy your curiosity. We have a large federal government and the topics covered by government documents may surprise you. You may find the recently released report of interest.

The Secret History of the U-2

- US Spy Planes Targeted China to Help India; Used British Crews to “Confuse the Soviets” and Overfly French Nuclear Sites
- Groom Lake/Area 51 Finally Declassified
- Less Redacted CIA History Released Under FOIA
- National Security Archive Electronic Briefing Book No. 434

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The National Security Archive at Georgetown Univ. submitted a FOIA request related to the U-2. Titled “*The Central Intelligence Agency and Overhead Reconnaissance: The U-2 and OXCART Programs, 1954-1974*” – per the Archive – “it was published in classified channels in 1992. Subsequently, a heavily redacted version of the U-2 portion was published in 1998 by the agency’s Center for the Study of Intelligence as a book, *The CIA and the U-2 Program, 1954-1974*”.

Yesterday, the Archive released the report – at: <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB434/> – almost 400 pages.

In the summary, the Archive noted that the CIA wrote a check for \$ 1.25 million (from “unvouchered” funds) to Lockheed for the U-2, because the company was short on cash, and needed the money “to keep the work going”. The check was mailed to a Lockheed engineer’s house.

And, for the first time, we can see a **map of Area 51**. From the summary, you can see “p.58” written in the upper right corner. If you click on “p58”, you see commentary – noting that indeed, that is the infamous map page. To see it in pdf, click on **Chapter 2 – it’s p. 20 of the pdf**. It takes awhile to load.

For assistance with this and other government documents, contact Lori Gwinett (lgwinett@georgiasouthern.edu).

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